



STINGER SPORTS

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CONCORDIA CAGERS PREP FOR DEFENSE OF Q.U.A.A. TITLE

The Concordia University Varsity Men's basketball team have a new look about them as they prepare to defend the Q.U.A.A. championship which they have won the past three years. The 1983-84 team will be a mixture of seasoned veterans, promising newcomers as well as two former players returning after a brief sojourn.

Gone from this year's roster will be two-time All Canadian forward, Gary McKeigan as well as gigantic Rocco Margosian who at 6'11 was the tallest player ever to play for Coach Daigneault.

"The last three years, with Gary at 6'6 and either John Gissender at 6'7 or Rocco, we have always controlled the boards. This year our biggest player at any given time will only be 6'5, so we will be looking to upbeat the tempo of the game, trying to take advantage of our quickness."

Coach Daigneault has six returnees from last year's club including tri-captains Steve MacNeill, Craig Norman and Biagio Caresse. MacNeill is coming off his finest season in which he averaged over 8 points a game in the role of both starter and sixth man. The dynamic duo of Biagio Caresse and Craig Norman combined for over 28 points and 11 rebounds a game in their rookie year, despite missing several games each, with a variety of injuries. Daigneault believes that the ex-CEGEP All-Stars are on the verge of University stardom.

Other veterans include guards Yves Provencher and Harout Tarakjian and forward Ian Hunter. Ned Nedrick and Tim Bush familiar names to Concordia followers return after a short hiatus. Nedrick, a speedy guard who quarterbacked the Stingers to a fourth place finish in the C.I.A.U. Nationals, will return after sitting out last year. Bush, a rugged 6'4 forward played for the Stingers from 1978-80.

Coach Daigneault's impressive list of newcomers include 6'5 Eddie Barnett of Vanier College, 6'4 Denis Carbonneau of Maisonneuve College, 6'3 Ned Walker from Brooklyn, New York; Vinnie Dipinto formerly of Champlain College and 6'5 Eddie Muha who played at Dawson College.

Daigneault will again be assisted by John Dore and Andy Mezey. Dore, beginning his third year with the men's Stingers, is the Athletic Director at St. Georges High School. Mezey is a physical education teacher at Dawson College and coached the Dawson Blues to a National title in 1978.